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Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk

County of: Merced

2222 M Street

Merced, CA 95340

From: (Public Agency): Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 E Street
Fresno, CA 93706

(Address)

Project Title: Union Pacific Railroad Milepost 154.63 Bridge

Project Applicant: Union Pacific Railroad Company

Project Location - Specific:

Union Pacific Railroad Milepost 154.63 approximately 5 miles southeast of Merced

Project Location - City: Merced Project Location - County: Merced

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will replace an existing railroad bridge that is past its end of life. The new bridge will conform to modern safety and design standards. The rail line supports freight and Amtrak passenger trains.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Union Pacific Railroad Company

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Replacement or Reconstruction 15302
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: 21080(b)(10)

Reasons why project is exempt:

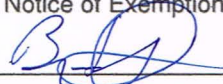
The project is considered a mass transit project and will only replace an existing bridge.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Brandon Salazar Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 559-445-6278

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 03/24/2020 Title: Water Resource Control Engineer

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: **MAR 25 2020**

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